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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 9-307067, published on November 28, 1997.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 10-313095, published on November 24, 1998.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 11-307724, published November 5, 1999.
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 1-109746, published April 26, 1989.
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 61-263251, published November 21, 1986.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore Applicant is submitting herewith a check for the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses here with a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated March 11, 2003 and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cites such documents and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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